## Iowa Board of Parole Chairwoman

## Good Afternoon

- 1. Supplemental Budget (IBOP should have been included)
- 2. Every time you increase a penalty, you put more people in prison, which will affect the IBOP workload.
- 3. The IBOP has a bill in the standing house that I would like for you to be aware of. This bill covers the IBOP as a protective class, today if you threaten a Board Member; we are treated like every other citizen. We are not like every other citizen; we make decisions on people who are serving time for breaking the law in regards to their freedom.... (I have approximately 15 to 20 threat letters in our files and that is not to mention phone calls).
- 4. Prison Population Problem: only "TWO" processes that can help solve this problem, Admissions and Exits. The County Attorneys and the Judges control the admissions and the Iowa Board of Parole controls the exits.
- 5. Proper Staff and Board Members the time to conduct hearings. (No Resources, our hands are tied)

I ask that you please think carefully about the role of the Board of Parole and what is expected of us and what is **reality**, when reviewing our budget.